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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Appearance of the Secretary of State before the Senate  
Foreign Relations Committee

1. The Secretary of State accompanied by William Macomber, the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today for approximately two hours. Senators present included Senator Green (Chairman), Fulbright, Sparkman, Humphrey, Mansfield, Morse, Long, Wiley and Aiken (for a very brief period only). Captain Gray (USN) from DOD was present as an observer as was General Hauck of DOD. Captain Gray informed me that General Twining specifically had requested that a copy of his prepared statement to be delivered before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee be forwarded to Mr. Allen W. Dulles since it will deal with certain aspects of the Soviet military posture.
2. Mr. John Foster Dulles read a prepared statement which with Senator Green's permission was to be made available to the press. Copy attached. The prepared statement took approximately thirty minutes and the remaining one and one-half hours were devoted to questions. After the prepared statement and on a classified basis Mr. Dulles commented on the Mikoyan visit and related to it the Berlin and Germany questions. He touched briefly on France, moving on to Iraq and the serious concern because of the internal struggle between the Communists and Arab Nationalist factions. Mr. Dulles turned briefly to the Far East commenting on the Taiwan Straits situation being relatively quiet. He evidenced great concern over South Korea mentioning the poor state of Syngman Rhee's health.
3. Senator Green opened the questioning by asking if an appropriate resolution by the Senate in effect supporting the Administration's position on Berlin would be helpful. Mr. Dulles replied that it would be helpful but only if it received substantial unanimity and there were not a great debate

over such a resolution. At this point Senator Morse endorsed the idea of such a resolution suggesting that it would be desirable to have it passed before the proposed meeting with Mikoyan and Dulles scheduled for 16 January. Morse added that, in his opinion, such a resolution could be passed in less than two hours without any difficulty. Senator Humphrey strongly concurred in this opinion. Subsequently, toward the end of the hearing, a draft resolution was discussed with Senator Green asking for Mr. Dulles' comments on the wording. One or two minor wording changes were suggested by Mr. Dulles and Morse added further language which in his opinion would be designed to strengthen further the impact of the resolution. The resolution was concurred in by the Committee members present and Mr. Dulles. Mr. Morse quipped as he left that he hoped the Chairman would permit all members of the Committee to be cosponsors.

4. Merely to provide the flavor of the questions, I will list the substance of the questions without going into the answers.

Continuing with Senator Green: He asked if a resolution relating to various alternatives if the Soviet sector of Berlin were turned over to the East German officials would be helpful.

Senator Wiley: Asked for comment on the possibility of Communist China eventually expanding to the north in Siberia. He asked whether Communist China is doing well today. Senator Wiley also asked for advice on possible questions to discuss when Mikoyan had lunch with the Foreign Relations Committee this coming Friday.

Senator Fulbright: Asked if there were any basic changes in U. S. policy toward Communist China. He also queried whether in fact dictatorships throughout the world are losing out to governments of a more democratic nature. Senator Fulbright also asked for discussion of the ability of the Communists in various places to mobilize movements in the new nations versus the capabilities for mobilizing support for democratic processes. Fulbright also asked about the seriousness of the threat of economic competition and was very pleased to learn of certain action being taken including consideration of the methods by which private business could be assisted in meeting economic threats from the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

Senator Sparkman: Requested more information on the communes in China.

Senator Humphrey: Asked for the alternatives open to the U. S. when the Soviets withdraw from Berlin. He also asked whether or not entering into broader negotiations would possibly postpone the six-month deadline in the Berlin situation. Humphrey asked if there were any significance behind Mr. Dulles' press conference statement that "free elections were not the only way to accomplish German unification." Humphrey also asked if the Administration was proposing to submit proposals to the Congress dealing with broadening the scope of the International Court of Justice. Senator Morse interjected at this point stating that in his opinion there had been a misinterpretation of the original Connolly resolution on this matter but he would be very happy to discuss with the Department proposed amendments.

Senator Morse: Voiced his concern about the executions in Cuba and asked "Did we or could we make representations against it?" He also asked if the appointment of a new Ambassador was in the offing and would it be a career diplomat. He further asked if it would be possible to break out of the Mutual Security appropriations the Latin American portion to emphasize this phase of the program.

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Attachment

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Attached are two copies of the prepared statement given by the DCI to the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services. Also attached are two copies of questions and the thrust of the answers. You will recall the Director mentioned to you that these should be sent to Secretary McElroy and General Twining. I am informed by [ ] that General Davis in G-2 has requested a copy and you may wish to consider whether any note to the Secretary of Defense should mention availability of the material to the three Services.

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2 cc Questions and Answers to General Cabell  
for submission(together with prepared statement)  
to Secretary McElroy and General Twining.

22 January 1959 - These two were returned and  
JSW delivered to Captain Gray - General Twining's  
office

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